

Colleen Reid and Marina Morrow presented the paper “Collaborating with Peers in Mental Health Research: Promoting Equity or Reinforcing Marginalization?” at the 15th Annual Qualitative Methods (QM) Conference in Glasgow UK.

The purpose of this presentation was to draw on our experiences in Imagining Inclusion - a 2-year community-based participatory research (CBPR) project in community mental health- to examine the promises, challenges and pitfalls of integrating peer researchers into all phases of the research process. With reflections from peer research participants and a research team member we examined how our conscious CBPR efforts to dismantle ‘self-other’ constructions resulted in productive and mutually beneficial relationships built on transparency, respect, and trust, built capacity and personal growth among participants, and at times perpetuated role distinctions and power inequalities between participants and research team members.

NOTE: The research manuscript is currently under review at *Action Research*